

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The High Power Committee set up under the Chairmanship of the then Prime Minister for suggesting measures to revitalise the KVI sector. The High Power Committee (HPC) in its report submitted in 1994 had made several recommendations including the replacement of rebate scheme for Khadi with the Market Development Assistance (MDA) scheme with an objective to improve marketability of khadi products by allowing them the flexibility in utilisation of Government grant for purposes such as advertisement, consultancy services for new designs etc. in addition to allowing some rebate on sale of khadi. As a large number of representations were received for continuation of rebate scheme, the matter regarding extension of the rebate scheme vis-a-vis introduction of MDA scheme was examined and it was decided to continue the rebate scheme upto 31.3.97. Accordingly, orders to the effect were issued. For the continuance of rebate for the current year (1997-98), matter has been taken up with the Ministry of Finance.

[Translation]

Production of Coal

5489. SHRI SURENDRA YADAV:

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of production of coal per capita per shift has increased in the coal sector in the country during the last year as a result of the efforts of reforms by the Government;

(b) if so, the per capita per shift rate of production of coal in Coal India Ltd. and its other subsidiary units during the year 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 separately;

(c) the step proposed to be taken by the Government for increasing the per capita per shift rate of production of underground mining and open cast mining and the target fixed for the rate of production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. There has been increase in the overall output per manshift (OMS) of Coal India Limited during last year.

(b) The figures of OMS of Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries for opencast (OC) and underground (UG) mines during the year 1994-95, 95-96 and 96-97 are as under:-

Company	(In tonnes)					
	1994-95		1995-96		196-96-97	
	UG	OC	UG	OC	UG	OC
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
ECL	0.43	2.51	0.44	3.31	0.44	3.65
BCCCL	0.50	2.25	0.46	2.37	0.47	2.75

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
CCL	0.45	2.60	0.45	2.55	0.41	2.64
NCL	-	7.68	-	8.14	-	8.60
WCL	0.69	3.58	0.69	3.83	0.70	4.08
SECL	0.84	8.12	0.87	8.90	0.90	9.25
MCL	0.68	12.13	0.69	12.76	0.68	12.82
NEC	0.50	6.58	0.38	4.12	0.37	3.65
CIL	0.56	4.35	0.56	4.75	0.57	5.12

(c) steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve productivity in coal mines are as under:-

i) Mechanisation of Bord and pillar workings by introduction of Load Haul Dumpers (LHD) and Side Discharge Loaders (SDL).

ii) Deployment of higher capacity equipments like draglines, shovels, dumpers and drills in opencast mines.

iii) Improving performance of all equipments including powered support longwall equipment by providing necessary inputs as well as system improvement.

iv) Improved manpower planning including redeployment as well as rationalisation of manpower through Voluntary Retirement Scheme, already in vogue.

v) Introduction of 'all men all jobs' concept wherever feasible.

vi) Improvement in availability and utilisation of equipment by providing necessary workshop support, improved management of spare parts etc.

vii) Improvement in working conditions by providing better ventilation, better lighting and improved communication systems in underground mines.

viii) Improvement in power supply particularly in the coal mines of eastern region through construction of direct feeders to obtain power from DVC and setting up of captive power plants in selected locations.

As per Planning Commission the target of OMS for 1997-98 in respect CIL is 5.40 tonnes for opencast and 0.60 tonnes for underground mines.

Sick Small Scale Industries

5490. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA:

SHRI SUDHIR GIRI:

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of sick small scale industrial units are increasing;

- (b) if so, the reasons thereof;
- (c) the major problems faced by the small scale industries in the country; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to motivate the nationalised banks to extend help to the small scale industries and to remove the sickness?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per the data collected by the Reserve Bank of India from the Scheduled commercial banks, the total number of sick small scale industrial units has decreased from 2,68,815 at the end of March, 1995 to 2,62,376 at the end of March, 1996.

(c) The major problems faced by the Small Scale industries are:

- i) Limited Financial resources;
- ii) Lack of organisation, financial and management skills;
- iii) Lack of developed infrastructure;
- iv) Delayed and inadequate credit;
- v) Delayed payments by large industries;
- vi) Difficulties in marketing;
- viii) Difficulties in the availability of raw materials and other inputs including power.

(d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued detailed guidelines to commercial banks on various aspects of finance to SSI sector. Banks have been advised to provide working capital credit limits to the SSIs computed on the basis of a minimum of 20% of their projected annual turnover for the SSIs having aggregate fund-based working capital credit limit upto Rs.1 crore. RBI has recently, decided to raise the limit to Rs.2 crores. Small Industries Development Bank of India has been operating Single Window Scheme since its inception under which the composite assistance for fixed assets and working capital is extended to units in SSI sector by the same agency. The scheme is operated by State Financial Corporations, Small Industries Development Corporations and scheduled commercial banks. With a view to ensure that the disbursement of credit is not delayed, banks have been instructed to adhere to the time limit for disposal of application. While applications upto a credit limit of 25000/- should be disposed of within a fortnight, those for over Rs. 25000/- should be disposed within 8 to 9 weeks from the date of receipt. Requests for increase in limits should be considered expeditiously and decision should be taken promptly in any case within six weeks.

To tackle the problem of sickness, Nayak Committee had made several recommendations and accordingly, RBI has advised banks on modified definition of sick SSI units, reduced rate of interest for rehabilitation, prompt viability studies/nursing programmes of identified sick units, setting

up of cells at important regional centres and head office to deal with sick industrial units and provision of export staff, including technical personnel to look into technical aspects.

[English]

Green Channel Facility

5491. SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA:

DR. M.P. JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of norms prescribed by the Government for trading house, star trading house, and super star house for clearance of their import and export consignments during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government propose to grant the green channel facility to companies of holding the status of an export/trading/star trading or super star trading house;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the above facility is likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) to (b) The facility of clearance of import and export consignments under the green channel is available to Trading House, Star trading house and super star trading houses. Under the Scheme, the examination of 100% of the consignment is waived and only some selected consignments are examined. Other facilities include:

- (i) *Assessment of B/E*: Separate Group No.7A created to assess B/E (whether imported under DEEC or otherwise) regarding import made by SSTH/STH/TH.
- (ii) *Examination*: Green Channel facility for export examination (random checks) extended.
- (iii) *Destuffing & Examination at Party's premises*: Facility extended only if SSTH/STH/TH is a manufacturer importer, the goods are FCL and moved under customs' seal from port to party's factory.

There is no proposal at present to extend green channel facility to export houses.

Chief Controller of Import and Export

5492. SHRIMATI PURNIMA VERMA:

SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to bring the Office of Chief Controller of Import and Export under the control of Ministry of Finance;